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30 Washington Square

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Dear Mr. Garrison.

I am here
to meet the niece of my dear
friend H. M. who brings me ma-
terial for the completion of my
part of her book. I shall make
the last chapter from the various
expressions of regret & esteem from
the journals & the letters of friends,
— such as may be fitly crowded
together under the heading of
"Friendship." Among the letters
that Miss Jane Martineau has
deemed on the occasion of her
aunt's death are some from
nobles & some from servants; —
some from friends & some from

Philanthropist, — & I am
Selecting such as I may be au-
thorised to use, for this last chapter.

May I print among them
the unequalled letter of your own,
which so sums up your own tes-
timony & her excellency, as to be
the most fitting funeral crown? —
Mrs Jane Mathew has just
put it into my hand, & I do
~~not~~ ^{wait} a moment to ask
you leave to use it. And if you
grant this permission, as I
trust your will, may I beg
you kindly to lend me a
copy of her last letter to you?
Not to print, — I hardly
suppose I am authorised to do so
under the terms of exclusion in
her Will, or the terms
of permission, in a letter to
myself to use any of her letters
to me. But let me have your

judgement, I beg, — & in any
case a copy of the letter.

You know what a blessing
she has been to me
all these 40 years since 1835 —
& before indeed by persons reading
of her works; — & how desolate
the world seems without her;
— for you have such experience
in various instances: so that you
will not think it strange to
hear me say that if I can
but live to accomplish the duty
which she required at my
hands, I don't care about
living longer, after that: —
And I am now going my
way through the most am-
azing part. It will be, (my part)
about as much as one of those
vols. of Sheets which I showed you.
It would be nothing of an exertion
to you — but I am not a
Tinter, — not a ^{much} Leacher into

forty years of facts, like a historian or biographer; ~~but~~ have in fact, no qualification but a thorough appreciation of my subject. & I greatly fear that done may not be the fulfilling of the biographical done, as it is of done in general: but I shall do my best — insufficient as it is — & seeing it is so, I feel all the more need of such Supplementary and as your admirable Letter gives.

But Cordial regards to all your family who are about you,

I am always
My most valued & honored
friend of my real life-time,

Yours affectionately
A. W. Chapman